

**PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 9, 2009 – CDBG/CHIP**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held a Public Hearing on Monday, March 9, 2009, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor W. E. Burns presided.

Those attending were the same as listed in the previous Public Hearing.

Mayor Burns asked that Anne Floyd of the CSRA RDC manage the hearing.

Anne Floyd, of the CSRA RDC, and administrator for the Washington 08 CDBG grant presented the following information for disclosure of Conflict of Interest for the awarded Washington 2008 CDBG and the proposed Washington 2009 CDBG application. When an elected official or his family members own property in a CDBG target area, it must be disclosed to the public as a potential conflict of interest. The purpose of this presentation is to publicly disclose that Maceo Mahoney and G.L. Avery's family members own property in the CDBG Rusher Street target area where property acquisition and infrastructure improvements will be done. Appraisals of property in the target area are currently being completed and reviewed for all property owners. To comply with federal/state/local regulations, the City's attorney wrote a letter to DCA describing the nature of the potential conflict of interest. We are redoing the public disclosure to comply with having the disclosure on the City Council Agenda. A map showing the location of the properties was available for view and it will be sent to DCA. The Council members will continue to abstain from voting on any issues or business related to the grant project. The same benefits for property acquisition will be available to all residents within the target area.

There were no citizen comments on this disclosure.

The proposed 2009 CDBG application will be for \$800,000 for public facilities, housing and economic development. The proposed CDBG project will serve a minimum of 70% low to moderate income residential beneficiaries. Of the total grant amount 7% will be for grant administration and 12% for engineering fees. Grant application deadline is April 1, 2009.

The proposed 2009 CHIP application will be for \$300,000 to serve low and very low income residential beneficiaries living the Southwest Washington Urban Redevelopment Plan Target Area. These funds will be for rehabilitation, reconstruction, down payment assistance, and/or new housing developments. Funds will be available for homeowner rehabilitation of 6 to 8 stick built homes with homeowners contributing \$1500. In order for the homeowner to receive the funds as a grant the homeowner must live in the rehabilitated home for a prescribed number of years (depending on \$ amount received) after completed rehab. Grant application deadline is April 1, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK